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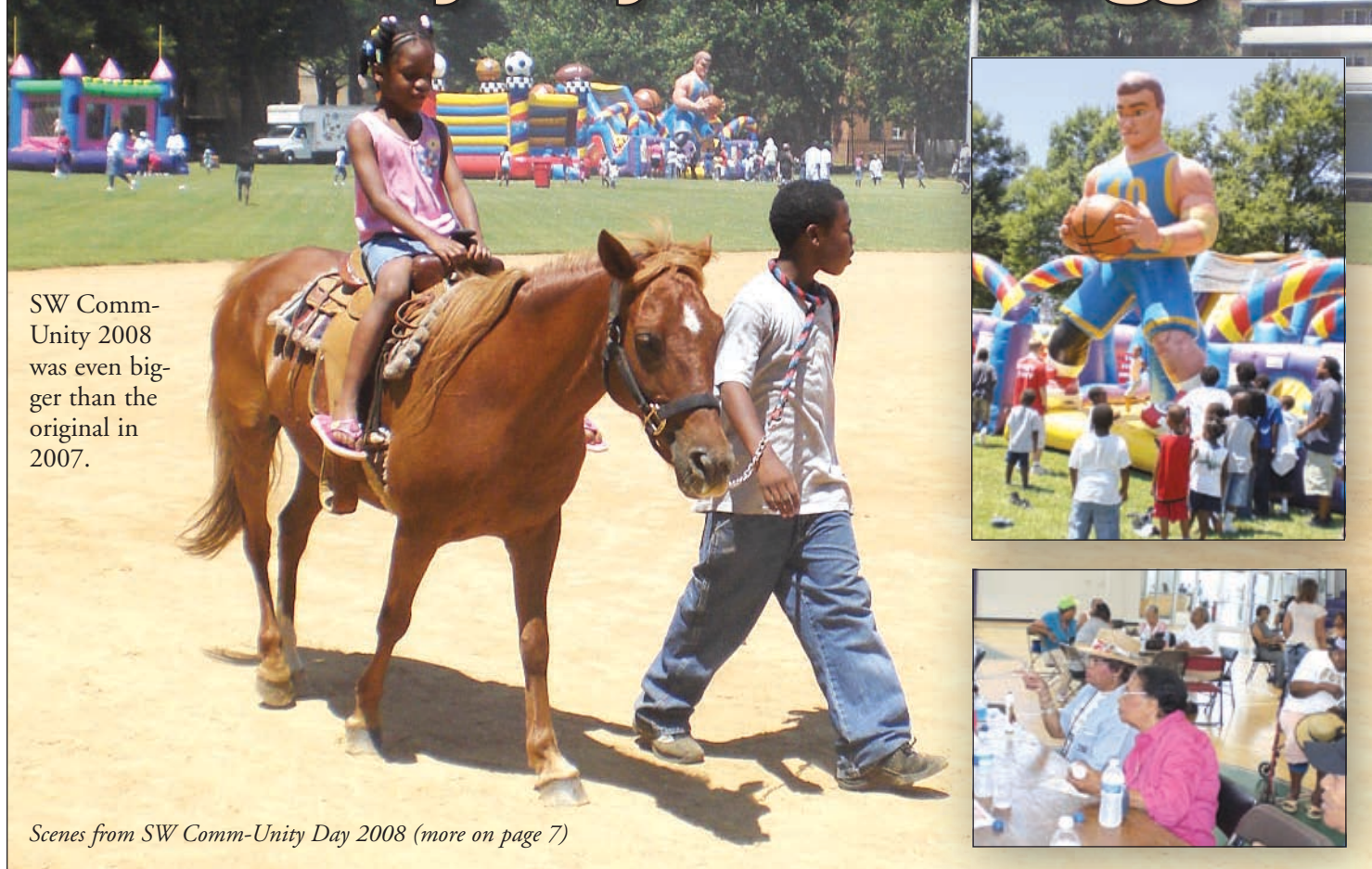
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SW Unity Day Is Even Bigger



SW Comm-Unity 2008 was even bigger than the original in 2007.

Scenes from SW Comm-Unity Day 2008 (more on page 7)

Collecting School Supplies

Collection boxes have been placed in housing complexes and public places to receive contributions of school supplies for neighborhood children who need help with this annual chore.

Supplies suggested by the Amidon-Bowen Elementary School include:

- Crayons-16 count, Crayons – 24 count,
- Colored Pencils -12 count,
- Set of Washable Colored Markers,
- #2 Pencils, Highlighter- Yellow,
- Large Erasers, Elmer Washable Glue Sticks, Glue Sticks, Book Bag,
- Children's Scissors, 2-Pocket Folders
- Marble Composition Books, Packs of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper, Pack of Post-it Notes, 3"x 5" Index Cards,
- 12" ruler, Boxes of Tissues

Money donations by check made out to SWNA School Supply Fund can be sent to SWNA PO Box 70131 or 70792, Washington, DC, 20024. As a 501 C 3 charitable and educational corporation, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA) can receive tax-exempt donations, which will be turned over to tenant organizations for public housing complexes in SW to help fill the gaps of supplies needed.

Health Fair, First & N SW, Sat. September 13

The annual Health Fair on Wheels will be held next to King Greenleaf Recreation Center, First & N SW, Sat. Sep. 13 from 11 am to 4 pm.

As in past years trailers and booths will line Canal St. SW, again near N St. SW and the Rec center pavement to give information and screening on diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol, vision, dental, foot problems, immunization and weight advice. Booths will cover financial empowerment, home ownership, insurance information, careers in the health care field and technology.

Kiddy rides, on-stage performances and delicious and healthy food will be on the program.

The South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative partners with Georgetown University Hospital KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic to hold the fair.). This year's theme: "Education, Fitness & Nutrition: A Triathlon of Health."

For information or if you are interested in being a vendor, please call Tamitha Christian at (202) 488-7997 x 16 or email her at tchristian@swwr.org.



Scenes from Health Fairs on Wheels in recent years.

**\$3 coupon
for baseball
tickets on
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Full page (10 x 13¾")	\$550

The Southwester has no classified ads.

Color

In addition to the prices listed above, full process color ads pay an additional \$100 for a half page or smaller and \$200 additional for a full page.

Ad Deadline: Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Southwest Community Calendar August 20 - Sept. 30, 2008

THURS. AUG. 21 Police Service Area 104, Syphax Village, First & N St. SW, 7 pm.

SAT. AUG. 23 School "Beautification" Day at Amidon-Bowen, Jefferson MS, Wilson High & other public schools.

SAT. AUG. 23 10 am - 2 pm Youth River Sports Day at the Boathouses, 11th St. Register with Dan Early 202-679-1104. Email redgrfn@yahoo.com.

MON. AUG. 25 First day of schools in DC.

MON. AUG. 25 NO SWNA MEETING

WED. AUG. 27 ANC ABC Committee, 6th & Water St. Harbor Patrol, 7 pm.

FRI. AUG. 29 SW-SE Night at Nationals Park with fireworks, 7:10 pm, \$3 coupon p. 5 of this issue.

FRI. AUG. 29 Arena Stage's "Resurrection" opens at Crystal City, 20th & Highway I, (Crystal City Metro) (phone orders 554-3300, fee waived for SW-SE patrons, (SW Night Sep. 5) 8 pm.

MON. SEP. 1 Labor Day Holiday

TUES. SEP. 2 Police Citizens Advisory Council public meeting, 415 - 4th St. SW, 7 pm.

TUES. SEP. 2, Ramadan begins.

WED. SEPT. 3 Art & Spirit Coffeehouse with vocalist/pianist Joyce Bouvier, St. Augustine's, 600 M St., SW, 7 pm - 9 pm

FRI. SEP. 5 Arena Stage presents Carrie

Fisher at Lincoln Theatre, 13th & U St. NW (U St. Metro) (SW Night Sep. 12) 8 pm.

MON. SEP. 8 SW-SE ANC6D meets at St. A's, 600 M St. SW, open to the public 7 pm.

TUES. SEP. 9 Primary election in DC, polls open 7 am - 8 pm.

TUES. SEPT. 9 Bible Study, "What does the Bible say about" St. Augustine's Library, 600 M St., SW, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

SAT. SEP. 13 Health Fair on Wheels, First & N St. SW, 11 am - 3 pm.

WED. SEP. 17 AARP, River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon.

THURS. SEP. 18 Wilson High Back to School Night 7pm

FRI. SEP. 19 SW-SE Night at Nationals Park with fireworks, 7:10 pm \$3 coupon on p. 5 of this issue.

SAT. SEPT. 20 End of Summer Fair, St. Augustine's, 600 Maine Ave. SW.

MON. SEP. 22 SWNA monthly public meeting, St. A's, 600 Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm.

THUR SEP. 25 Tommy Wells office hours, Channel Inn, 700 Water St. SW, 8-9:30 am

THURS., SEP. 25, and Oct. 23 NARFE Chapter 2052, SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl SW, 12:30 pm.

MON. SEP. 29 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

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WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

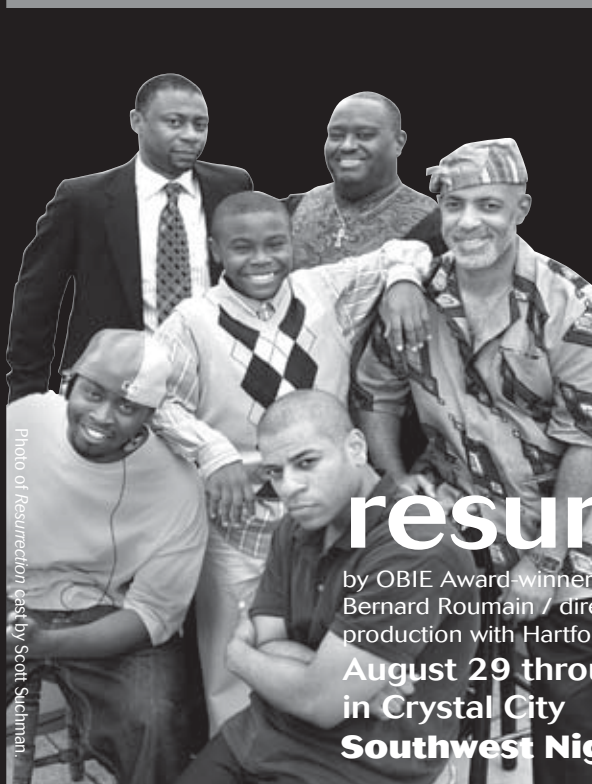
LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm– Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

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- Service Center Manager, MS-13 - Job Requisition #11279*

Joyce Bouvier September 3 at Art & Spirit Coffeehouse

Selections from the Great American Songbook (selections by songwriters including Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, and Rodgers and Hammerstein), will be presented by Joyce Bouvier at the Art & Spirit Coffeehouse on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. in St. Augustine's, 600 M Street, SW (across from Arena Stage). St.

Augustine's Episcopal Church and St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church congregations host the free evening that includes coffee, tea and desserts, followed by a Q & A led by Michael Mack, an interdisciplinary artist and thinker. Donations will be accepted to help provide honorariums for the guest artists.

Summer Fair at 600 M St. SW, Sep. 20

The annual summer fair on the grounds of St. August's Episcopal Church, 600 Maine Ave. SW, is set for Sat., Sep. 20, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., a change from its usual Columbus Day date. The fair goes on, rain or shine.

Funds raised will be for St. A's and St. Matthews Lutheran Church's Southwest Outreach Ministry, particularly children, youth and senior program. Included will be children's games and activities planned by The South Washington Family Strengthening Collaborative, the Corcoran Gallery Artreach program, actress Yvonne Hudson, as poet Emily Dickinson, leading story times and poetry writing for children, while Alfonso Cole of the Collaborative's Fatherhood Program leads his *Mystr Treefrog and the Muddy Hooker Rhythm Genius Band* (described as "foot-stomping blues!").

Featured will be the ever-popular BBQ, baked goods, fish sandwiches, slightly used clothing, household items and books, and a variety of musical entertainment. New this year will be a Senior Lunch and Bingo Games. Other vendors will sell a variety of items and food. Raffle prize drawings are planned throughout the day. For further information about sponsorship opportunities, call Brittany Farbo at 202-374-7919, and to reserve vendor space or for questions about the fair, contact Elaine Graves at 202-863-0256.

SWNA's New Office at River Park

By Thelma Jones

At the July Member's Council Meeting, River Park Board President Michael Keane announced that the board had granted the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) office space at River Park until their new office becomes available in Waterside Mall. SWNA has been without office space since construction began in the Mall almost a year ago. The new office will be on the lower level of River Park's North Building, which is located at 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW. "SWNA has

been working to improve the Southwest Community since the 1960's and River Park felt that it would be the neighborly thing to do to try to accommodate them during this period of transition," said Keane. An open house celebration which will hopefully occur sometime in September (date to be confirmed).

River Park is no stranger to SWNA. For almost two years, the cooperative has provided storage space for SWNA files and greening effort (i.e., recycled computer equipment which is refurbished and

donated to needy families in Southwest). River Park has also hosted SWNA's Board retreat, SWNA Youth Activities Task Force Safe Sitter (babysitting) training for the past five years, and was the site of former SWNA President Margaret Feldman, who also lived at River Park, well attended farewell celebration in 2005.

SWNA extends special thanks to the River Park Board of Directors, General Manager Dan Paynter and SWNA Board Member Perry Klein for their leadership efforts in acquiring the office space.

Southwest Blogs Start on Computers

A new information source on the web has been born and is linked on the SWNA website www.swdc.org. SWNA had received this message:

"My name is Glenn Favreau. Together with another resident of Southwest DC, Greg Davis, I have begun a website to track development in the quadrant (www.swdcblog.com). We were inspired by the many plans for improving our neighborhood and wanted to make the news available to all. We plan on including as much information from developers, real estate investors, architects, civic groups and the city and federal governments".

Another new blog in SW is (<http://southwestquadrant.blogspot.com/>). Our story on the new planning effort by the National Capitol Planning Commission, on this page, cites that blog for more information about the plan.

Comprehensive information on the redevelopment of Near SE has been in Jacqueline Dupree's blog www.jdland.org for years and is often a source of information in Southwester stories.

She has reported that the District Government is concentrating information about the SW Waterfront and the Anacostia Waterfront on a website www.theanacostiawaterfront.com.

DC's Sep. 9, 2008, Primary Election, a "Closed Primary"

As is true in many states, primary elections in D.C. are limited to voters registered in support of a party. The DC instructions say, "Only individuals registered in the Democratic, Republican, and DC Statehood Green parties will be permitted to vote their party's ballot".

Voters who did not state a party preference on their voter registration – often done years ago – usually termed "Independents," can vote with everyone else in the General Election Nov. 4, 2008, but not in the primary Sep. 9.

Deadline for original registration or changing terms of your registration or your address or name was Aug. 11. For the general election the deadline for changes will be Oct. 6.

New NCPC Plan Includes Parts of SW

The National Capital Framework Plan, "a joint effort of NCPC and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, aims to create vibrant and accessible destinations in the federal precincts around the National Mall". The plan is available for viewing on NCPC's website, or can be requested at FrameworkPlan@ncpc.gov or by calling 202-482-7301.

Comments may be submitted through October 10. Organizations interested in scheduling a briefing on the Framework Plan are encouraged to contact NCPC.

A second public meeting will be Wed. Sep. 24 at the NCPC office 401 9th St. NW Suite 500 North. An open house is at 5 pm and presentation and discussion at 6 pm.

For a description of the parts of the plan affecting Near SW see the new blog, (<http://southwestquadrant.blogspot.com/>).



Renderings displayed at NCPC helped visitors understand many changes being suggested.

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Some of our most recent grantees are:

- South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative
- EmmaUS Learning Center
- OurPlaceDC
- Children's Environmental Health Network
- Camp Arena Stage
- SWNA Scholarship Fund
- SWNA Youth Activities Task Force
- Living Classrooms

Your contribution to River Park Friends, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax-deductible and will help us maintain our support for programs that are building good citizens in Southwest DC.

Please make your check payable to **River Park Friends** and send to: River Park Friends, Coralie Farlee, President, 389 O Street, S. W., Washington, DC 20024.

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Fri., June 20, 7:35 p.m. vs. Texas Rangers
Fri., June 27, 7:35 p.m. vs. Baltimore Orioles

JULY

Fri., July 11, 7:35 p.m. vs. Houston Astros

AUGUST

Fri., August 1, 7:35 p.m. vs. Cincinnati Reds
Fri., August 15, 7:35 p.m. vs. Colorado Rockies
Fri., August 29, 7:35 p.m. vs. Atlanta Braves

SEPTEMBER

Fri., September 19, 7:35 p.m. vs. San Diego Padres

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Washington Nationals



Nationals Park Gets "Green" Award

(from a release)

Nationals Park has received the U.S. Green Building Council's National Capital Region's prestigious *Project of the Year* award. Nationals Park was one of the most ambitious projects ever to achieve certification. The ballpark received 34 points toward LEED Certification for green design elements such as:

- Using high efficiency field lighting, which saves 21 percent over typical field lighting.
- Installing water conserving plumbing fixtures, which saves 3.6 million gallons of water per year and reduces overall water consumption by 30

percent.

- Using air-cooled chillers instead of water-cooled chillers which will save another 6 million gallons of water per year.
- Placing 100 recycling bins for fan use throughout the ballpark.
- Using recycled materials in 20 percent of the ballpark's construction, and recycling 5,500 tons of construction waste.
- Planting a 6,300 square foot green roof above a concession area beyond left field to collect rain water and minimize roof heat gain.
- Creating signage around the ballpark

highlighting the ballpark's environmentally friendly aspects.

The ballpark rests on soil that once was contaminated. That soil was treated and replaced. Also, six massive sand filters buried underground will keep ballpark wash-down water, hot dog wrappers and other debris from polluting the river nearby. The ballpark also neighbors a variety of public transportation options, including rail, bike and bus routes.

The award was presented to the joint venture of HOK/Devroux and Purnell Architects and Clark/Hunt Smoot Construction, the DCSEC's design team. Nationals Park received LEED® Silver Certification earlier this year.

10,000 Baseball Tickets Given to Kids

The Washington Nationals have distributed over 10,000 tickets to community and civic groups in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area for games at Nationals Park from August 1 through August 30.

The Nationals donated tickets to a variety of community groups, including Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and DC Parks & Recreation — King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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Schools & Youth

Mr. Pete Cahall, New Principal at Wilson High School

Wilson High's new principal, Mr. Pete Cahall, met with SW parents and students at Riverside Baptist Church recently.

His resume cites his graduation from the University of Virginia, principal positions in North Carolina and Montgomery County, MD, including 4 years as principal at Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg.

Mr. Cahall fielded questions about dress code, school safety, single lunch hour with activities, the two or more year complete renovation of the Wilson Bldg which may require relocating classes to UDC or other buildings, and his goal to help Wilson be a nationwide model center city public high school. (Students are to "dress for



Principal Pete Cahall

success", not as if they are on their way to a night club, he said. He will have T-shirts handed out at the school door to cover any student showing up in tank-tops, etc., he said)

Mr. Cahall prefers to be contacted in person at the school or on the phone. He will not have dialogs by email, he said.

Other new leadership at the school will include Assistant Principal Charlotte Butler, who has been literacy coach at Watkins Mill High; Assistant Principal Jaime Merlos, who has been an administrator at Wilson; and Assistant Principal Mary Beth Waits, who was recently a middle school principal in Montgomery County.

Greenleaf Student Wins College Scholarship

The District of Columbia Housing Authority, in partnership with Community Vision, Inc., has announced the awardees of \$20,000 in scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.

The scholarships were awarded as follows: Greenleaf Gardens resident Chymaria Ball and Highland Addition resident Erika Ransom both received \$5,000 to continue studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, where they are both currently enrolled

Principal Patton at Jefferson Middle School

The new principal at Jefferson Middle School is Ms. Stephanie Patton. She comes from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she spent 11 years as teacher, assistant principal and most recently principal of schools in Cincinnati. She is not totally new to Washington, as she attended Howard Univ. in the late 1980's. She received her BS from Ohio State Univ. and a Master of Education from Xavier University.

Jefferson Football Preview

A football camp for several weeks has started training for candidates for Jefferson Middle School's football team.

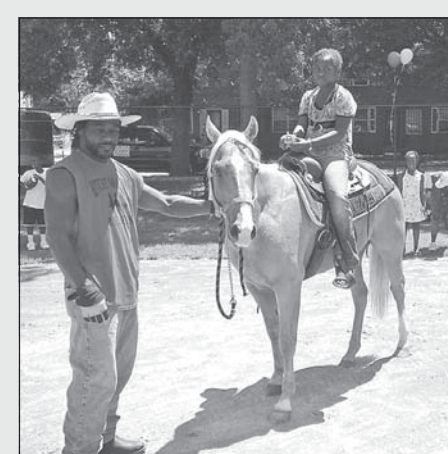
At left, Football hopefuls pose with Coach Ronald Hines at King Greenleaf Field.



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